

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Marco Winter et al.  
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For : Method and Apparatus for Automatic Detection of Data Types  
for Data Type Dependent Processing  
Examiner : Sathyanaraya R. Pannala  
Art Unit : 2164

**REQUEST FOR EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir,

1. On November 16, 2007, the USPTO mailed a notice of allowance with an Examiner's Amendment for the allowed claims.

2. In the review of the Examiner's Amendment, the Applicants' representative noticed that for Claim 1, part C, the Examiner included the phrase "whether said" data type in the recitation of the allowed claim:

c) after detecting the format of the received data file, using said detected format for evaluating a ~~whether said~~ data type of each of at least two data items of different data type wherein the at least two data items are comprised in said received data file and are either of:

3. Applicants note that "whether said" was eliminated from Claim 1 in the Office Action response filed on August 15, 2007. Hence, such a phrase is not in the claims as pending.

4. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner make an Examiner's Amendment as provided for in sections 714.16 and 1302.04 of the MPEP as to correct

this formal matter as to make sure that this phrase “whether said” is not in the claim when this application issues. That is, this procedure is a formal matter which does not affect the claim scope, as the claim as pending should not have this phrase because of the previous amendment made by the Applicants.

5. Applicants’ representative will contact Examiner Pannala by phone on December 19, 2007 to request that this formal matter be corrected.

No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

Respectfully submitted,  
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